

Pitt Meadows Elementary Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: stephanie dand@sd42.ca

Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

Newsletter # 9

Thursday, January 18th, 2018

Dear PME Families,

Welcome back and all the best for 2018! We are off to a great start to the New Year, despite the weather. Granted it is rainy and cool, but at least it is not the ice and snow that we faced last year at this time! Please continue to send your children to school with proper footwear and warm clothing, as we will be outside most days unless it is an absolute downpour.

We are looking forward to a very positive term and already have much underway. We have a fresh coat of paint and all new brighter, more energy saving lighting in the entire school, so we are happy to have a newer, cleaner look to our school.

January is always an excellent, focused month of learning for the students and often the time of year where we see the most growth and progress. Please feel free to connect with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Our student leadership group would like to send special thanks to all of you who contributed to our Christmas Hamper collection during our Christmas concerts. The students raised over \$600 for needy families in our community.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. As ever, our door is open for your questions, comments and feedback.

Stephanie Dand Principal

Head Lice: This is the time of year when head lice may show up in your child's hair. To prevent head lice among children at school, we ask that you remind your child not to share any personal items, such as combs, brushes, or hats. Please see attachment for more details of treatment. Further information can be obtained by contacting the Public Health Nurse at (604) 476-7000.

PALS – Parents As Literary Supporters is a free literacy program for parents/caregivers and their kindergartners or children ages 3 and 4. Child receive a FREE BOOK with each session. Please call the office to register at (604) 465-5828.

DATES:	January 22, 2018		
	April 23, 2018		
TIME:	2:45 – 3:45 PM		

Family Literacy Night Info – Monday, January 29th

Come and join us for an evening of family fun! Wear your pajamas and spend some time reading. Kindergarten to grade three students and their parents are invited to join us on Monday, January 29th in the school gym from 5:30-6:30. There will be books to share, a story by Mme Dand, a snack and a book to take home! Let's celebrate Family Literacy together.

Counselling Corner

A great community resource for families raising a child 5 years and under is Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre RMCDC. They offer pediatric rehabilitation services for children who may need professional help by an occupational therapist, physiotherapy or speech and language pathologist. Some examples of possible issues they treat are:

- Speech issues, slurring, lisp, stutter
- Crayon/Pencil Grip difficulties
- Learning how to handle big emotions such as mad, sad, confusion, happiness

RMCDC offers speech therapy, physiotherapy (to assist with child mobility issues), and occupational therapy. The pediatric rehab therapists are all trained to work with preschool children and help them build these skills and be kindergarten ready!

Ridge Meadows Child Development Centre (604) 463-0881



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Kindergarten Registration<u>CHOICE</u>January 18-22, 2018(Documentation to school by January 31)

GENERAL February 1-8, 2018

8, 2018 (Documentation to school by February 28)

LATE

March 28-June 7, 2018 (Documentation to school 5 business days after confirmation of placement)

- All phases open at 12:00 noon and close at 11:59 pm.
- The SD42 website has been updated with these dates.
- Registration starts during Winter Break to allow adequate time for Grade 8 registration before Spring Break.
- Kindergarten pamphlets and posters will be distributed to schools within the next week or so.

Information on Grade 8 registration will be sent out shortly, but registration will start around mid-February. Parents will be advised of grade 8 placement after Spring Break.

Ministry of Education Sign your children up today for a \$1,200 *B.C. Training and Education Savings Grant*

British Columbians are encouraged to sign up for a \$1,200 grant for their children's post-secondary education and training.

To be eligible, the child applying must have been born in 2006 or later and must be at least six years of age when they apply. The child parents/guardians must both be residents of British Columbia.

Signing up for the grant is as easy as stopping in at your local financial institution and following these simple steps:

- 1. Bring social insurance number (SIN) cards for both the child and the parent/guardian.
- 2. Sign the child up as the beneficiary of a Registered Education Savings Plan.
- 3. Complete the application at your financial institution.
- No additional contributions are required. Learn more at the Ministry of Education website: https://goo.gl/ep8bgJ

Late French Immersion Information Night

Dear parents of grade 5 students,

The SD42 *Late French Immersion Program* is an excellent opportunity for students who want to learn a second language or are looking for a challenge. Students who are currently in grade 5 are eligible to begin Late French Immersion in September 2018 at Golden Ears Elementary School. This two-year elementary program continues at Maple Ridge Secondary School.

To learn more about Late French Immersion, attend our information meeting on **February 1** at Golden Ears Elementary.

7-8 pm, February 1, 2018 Golden Ears Elementary (activity room) 23124-118th Avenue, Maple Ridge

To see Late French Immersion in action, drop by Golden Ears Elementary between **1-2 pm** on **February 6**, **2018** and see for yourself.

Late French Immersion registration opens at **7:30 a**m on **Tuesday, February 8, 2018** at Golden Ears Elementary on a first come, first on list basis.

For more information, please contact Shelley Linton at 604.463.7108 or shelley_linton@sd42.ca



Pitt Meadows Elementary



Pitt Meadows Elementary Ecole Elementaire Pitt Meadows Phone: (604) 465-5828 Fax: (604) 465-8632 http://schools.sd42.ca/pme/ Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

International Baccalaureate Info Night

January 24 @ 6:00 pm - 8:30 pm Wednesday, January 24, 2018 Garibaldi Secondary (Library) 24789 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge

6:00 PM – IB Middle Years Programme (MYP)

Designed for students in **Grades 8-10**, the MYP encourages young learners to think globally and act locally, while becoming critical and reflective thinkers.

The program prepares younger students to meet the academic challenges of the IB certificate and diploma programs in Grades 11-12 at Garibaldi – one of only 14 IB-designated schools in BC.

Grade 8 registration For parents of Grade 7 students

. Overview

To provide an optimal learning environment for all students, the Maple Ridge – Pitt Meadows School District No. 42 (SD42) must manage enrolment across all schools, ensuring that enrolment numbers match building capacity.

"Where space and facility is determined to be available," the school district has an open boundary policy that allows flexibility in choice regarding which secondary school students may attend (School Act section 74.1 Section 6). Due to increasing enrolment in recent years, however, the majority of students are

assigned to their catchment school. All our high schools meet the needs of all learners

ONLINE REGISTRATION

Registration opens at 12 pm (noon) on **Thursday, February 15, 2018**. All Grade 8 registrations are done through the Parent Portal at https://parents.sd42.ca. Each registration is time-stamped at the moment the registration form is opened to begin the online registration process.

ONLINE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

Deadline for Grade 8 online registration is **12 pm (noon)** on **March 2, 2018**. If you do not register your child by the online registration deadline, you will need to complete a paper registration form at your child's catchment high school.

PLACEMENT NOTIFICATION

Parents will be notified by email after Spring Break about their child's assigned school.

WHEELHOUSE INFO NIGHT

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Tuesday, January 23 & Tuesday, January 30, 2018

Alouette Elementary 22155 Isaac Crescent Maple Ridge

The Wheelhouse is a program in which students in grades 6 and 7 are both challenged and supported in becoming life-long learners and responsible citizens. Program highlights include:

- Weekly field study days where students learn outside the regular class setting;
- A classroom of care and discovery that is well supported by staff, parents, and community mentors;
- Leadership activities that improve confidence, citizenship, and social responsibility;
- Wheelhouse students are also part of the school district 1-to-1 program, in which each student is assigned an iPad for the school year.

For more information, including a more in-depth look at the program, dates and times for student interviews, and details on how to become a *Wheelhouse* student, please visit *The Wheelhouse* online at <u>http://schools.sd42.ca/wheelhouse</u>.

Registration for The Wheelhouse begins at 7:30 am on Thursday, February 15 at Alouette Elementary.



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>



2018 Basketball News

Happy New Year

Basketball season is getting into full swing. Team rosters were chosen in December after two tryouts for boys and girls. This year, PME will have a team for boys and girls at both the recreation and competitive levels for a total of four teams. Play at the competitive level is more intense and involves more senior or experienced athletes with playoffs at the end of season. Recreation level basketball is, logically, less competitive or intense, where more novice players are expected to still be learning how to play this complex sport. But this does not mean that recreation level basketball is not competitive or exciting, it just means it is a little more relaxed and there are no playoff or championship game. Competitive rosters were kept small to give the teams the best possible chance to compete against other schools, but such small rosters will open up opportunities for some athletes at the recreation level to play up when competitive players can't make certain games due to scheduling conflicts, sickness or injury.

We love crowd support! Home games are scheduled as follows: Monday*: Boys Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 14, Feb 26 Tuesday: Girls Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20 Wednesday: Boys Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21 Thursday: Girls Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 18, Jan 30, Feb 8, Feb 22 *not all games are played on the same weekday due to holidays/pro-d/curriculum days

This week, athletes will be coming home with permission forms and game schedule information sheets. Please promptly sign permission forms so that athletes can participate in games, keep the sheets for your information. Parents are kindly asked to arrange rides to away games. Coaches and sponsor teachers cannot guarantee rides to away games and those who get rides need to be picked up at away schools when the game ends.

Coaches and Sponsor Teachers

Boys Recreation: Coach: Ross Power. Sponsor Teachers: Mrs. Toupin and Mrs Sandhu Girls Recreation: Coaches/Sponsor Teachers: Mrs. Simard with Mrs. White Boys Competitive: Coach: Mrs. Birth. Sponsor Teacher: Mrs. White Girls Competitive: Coaches/Sponsor Teacher: Mr. Severud

We look forward to a great season.

Student Leadership News:









Team Day Thursday on Thursday, January 25th Wear your favourite sports jersey!

Pitt Meadows Elementary



Pitt Meadows Elementary Ecole Elementaire Pitt Meadows Phone: (604) 465-5828 Fax: (604) 465-8632 http://schools.sd42.ca/pme/ Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

After-School Programs

SCHOOLS OUT GR. K-7 This after-school program is sponsored by United Way and developed by The Family Education & Support Centre. It is designed for students from kindergarten to Grade 7 within the Pitt Meadows community to develop a greater knowledge of different cultures through crafts, activities and food. The Family Education & Support Centre is excited to explore other multifaceted cultures in our world and looks forward to sharing the experience with you.

Wednesdays 2:30 - 4 pm Jan. 10 - Feb. 28, 2018 Pitt Meadows Elementary Registration Fee: \$25

To Register: Call Karen Hughes, 604.467.6055 (ext 101), email reg@familyed.bc.ca, or visit www.familyed.bc.ca.

Theatrix – Lunchbox Theatre

When:January 16 – February 22Tuesdays & Thursdaysfrom 12:00 – 12:45 in the gymFamily/School performance:February 22 at 11 amThank you for your support.This workshop is full and has a waitlist.

<u>CPF NEWS</u> - Canadian Parents for French Ridge Meadows

Contact Us

For more information visit our Chapter website <u>https://cpfridgemeadows.wordpress.com/</u>or email us at <u>cpf.ridgemeadows@gmail.com</u>.

Order your pepperoni/jerky by 9am on Friday, January 19th

Only \$2/stick for Pepperoni Beef Steak Strips \$2.50/strip Pepperoni / jerky to be delivered at recess on Monday, January 29th Order form attached



PAC NEWS

The parents advisory council (PAC) would like your input on how we should spend our fundraising money to enhance safety and learning. We are extremely interested in your feedback about what PAC can do to help our school and the children and staff within. Please take a few minutes to fill out the 8 question survey. All of us on the PAC team thank you in advance for taking time out of your busy schedule to fill in the survey.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/JMKLKWJ

We have changed our email address for PAC. The new email address is: <u>Pittmeadowselementarypac@gmail.com</u>

Visit <u>http://pittmeadowselementarypac.weebly.com/</u> for the latest information about the PAC including budget spending, upcoming events and fundraisers, meetings and how you can get involved.

Next PAC Meeting: Tuesday, February 20th at 6:30 – 8pm at Pitt Meadows Elementary in the library Everyone welcome!

Cheers, Kristen McDonald PAC Team



Pitt Meadows Elementary Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>



PME READING PROGRAM

Every month we congratulate students

who have completed their home

reading for the month. The students get to see Mme Dand for a special treat and we showcase them in our newsletter.

Primary 30 Days

Lamar A. Maher A. Aitana B. Alex P. Grace C. Oliver C. Caelyn H. Lily H. Enzo R. Levi S. Connor T.

Primary 60 Days

Charlotte B. Eloise B. Scarlett B. Arianna G. Devin G. Kaiya G. Kiyana G. Brayden H. Kaydence McC. Camryn M. Mikayla M. Charlotte P. Max R. Connor T. Tayla S.

Primary 90 Days

Serena A. Ainsley B. Monica C. Makenna G. Hannah L. Katherine M. Made M. Quinn K. Kali W-K.



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

Intermediate 30 Days Owen C. Sahil M. Callum W. Intermediate 60 Days Seth A. Tamanna B.

Intermediate 90 Days

Seth A. Charis L. Charlie M. Suhani N. Karsen O.

Career Opportunities:

Have you thought about a career with our school district? To see the opportunities we have available, visit us at http://www.sd42.ca/careers/

COMMUNITY NEWS:

Family Literacy Day, Saturday, January 27, 11 am – 2 pm

The best family party in Maple Ridge! Celebrate **Family Literacy Day at <u>Maple Ridge Public Library</u>**. Check out the community resource fair for lots of fun activities, performances by Showstoppers Academy or join in the Family Dance Party. Enjoy free popcorn and the chance to win prizes while taking in the sights, sounds and awesome activities!

For more information about Family Literacy Day, contact Maple Ridge Public Library at 604-467-7417 or check out our event information online at <u>www.fvrl.ca</u>.

Liza Morris, Librarian

Fraser Valley Regional Library – Maple Ridge Public Library [p] 604.467.7417, ext. 5532 [f] 604.467-7404 Read. Learn. Play. | www.fvrl.ca

LGBTQ2S

Meeting: on Monday, February 26th, 2018 Time: 8:30 am – 12:30 pm Location: The Family Education and Support Centre Cost: \$45.00

Daddy & Me

Who: Dads or Guardians & their children (newborn to 5 years) Dates: Wednesdays: January 10 to April 11, 2018

Time: 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Time: 5:30 - 7:30 pm

Location: Family Place 22359 119th Avenue, Maple Ridge

Cost: Free (a light dinner will be served weekly)

Registration will be held during the first session

Contact: Darren at 604-467-6911ext. 1155 for more information

Enclosures:

Student Transfer Guidelines: Elementary 2018/19; The Redesigned Curriculum at Pitt Meadows Elementary – Personal & Social Competency; Daddy & Me; Family Literacy Day; Qmunity ; CPF – Pepperoni Stick Order Form; Lice Information Sheet



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: <u>stephanie_dand@sd42.ca</u>

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS ...

• Non-Instructional day

Friday, January 26, 2018

2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR

Last Day to Order Subway PAC Meeting – 6:30 pm Subway Day PALS - 2:45-3:45pm Non-Instructional day Friday, January 12, 2018 Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Wednesday, January 17, 2018 Monday, January 22, 2018 Friday, January 26, 2018

January 2018 – Pítt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 "K Sibling Registration Starts	5	6
7	8 Welcome Back!	9	10 "K" Sibling Registration Closes	11	12 Last Day to order Subway	13
14	15	16 PAC Meeting	"K"Sibling Documents Due 17 Subway Day	18 "K" Choice Registration Starts	19	20
21	22 PALS "K" Choice Registration Closes	23	24	25 Team Day Thursday Wear your favourite Jerseys!	26 Non- Instructional Day No Classes	27
28	29 Jerky/Pepperoni Delivery Family Literacy Night	30	31			



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Elementarie Cand@sd42.ca

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

SCHOOL CLOSURE / EARLY DISMISSAL DAYS...

- Schools not in session
- Family Day
- Non- Instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day) Tuesday, February 13, 2018
- Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am) Wednesday, February 28, 2018

Friday, February 9, 2018 Monday, February 12, 2018 Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Wednesday, February 28, 2018

February 2018 – Pítt Meadows Elementary

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesda y	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 "K General Registration Starts Students leave for Quebec	2	3
4	5	6	7	8 Students Return from Quebec K General Reg Closes	9 School Not In Session	10
11	12 Family Day No Classes	13 Curriculum Day No Classes	14	15 Grade 8 on-line Registration	16	17
18	19	20 PAC Meeting 6:30	21 Pita Pit Lunch	22 11am -Theatrix Performance	23	24
25	26	27	28 Early Dismissal Conferences			



Pitt Meadows Elementary entaire Pitt Meadows Principal: Stephanie Dand Email: stephanie_dand@sd42.ca

> Vice Principal: Barbara MacKinnon Email: <u>bmackinnon@sd42.ca</u>

2017 – 2018 PME SCHOOL CALENDAR

Last Day to Order Subway PAC Meeting - 6:30 pm Subway Day Kindergarten Enrolment – Choice Registration PALS - 2:45-3:45pm Non-Instructional day Family Literacy Night 5:30-6:30 Kindergarten Enrolment – General Registration Students Depart for Quebec Students Return from Quebec Schools not in session Family Day Non-Instructional day (Curriculum Implementation Day) Grade 8 On-line registration opens (at noon) Pita Pit Lunch Dav Student Inclusive Interviews (early dismissal 11:30 am) Student Inclusive Interviews (classes not in session – all day) Deadline for Grade 8 on-line registration (at noon) Schools close for Spring Break Daylight Savings Time Begins Spring Break

Schools reopen after Spring Break Kindergarten Enrolment – Late Registration Good Friday Easter Monday Pizza Day Lunch PALS - 2:45-3:45pm Non- Instructional day English Public Speaking (Grade 4 & 5) English Public Speaking (Grade 6 & 7) Camp Jubilee Victoria Day Non-Instructional day Aboriginal Education Awards (Grades 8 – 12) Grade 7s to High School Track & Field Last day for students Year-end Administrative Day Schools close for Summer Vacation As at: January 16, 2018

Friday, January 12, 2018 Tuesday, January 16, 2018 Wednesday, January 17, 2018 January 18-22, 2018 Monday, January 22, 2018 Friday, January 26, 2018 Monday, January 29, 2018 February 1 – 8. 2018 Thursday, February 1, 2018 Thursday, February 8, 2018 Friday, February 9, 2018 Monday, February 12, 2018 Tuesday, February 13, 2018 Thursday, February 15, 2018 Wednesday, February 21, 2018 Wednesday, February 28, 2018 Thursday, March 1, 2018 Friday, March 2, 2018 Friday, March 9, 2018 Sunday, March 11, 2018 Monday, March 12, to Friday, March 23, 2018 Monday, March 26, 2018 March 28 – June 7, 2018 Friday, March 30, 2018 Monday, April 2, 2018 Wednesday, April 11, 2018 Monday, April 23, 2018 Monday, April 30, 2018 Wednesday, May 2, 2018 Thursday, May 3, 2018 Monday, May 14, 2018 Monday, May 21, 2018 Tuesday, May 22, 2018 Tuesday, May 29, 2018 Wednesday, May 30, 2018 June 7 & 8, 2018 Wednesday, June 27, 2018 Thursday, June 28, 2018 Thursday, June 28, 2018



Basketball Schedule at a glance

We love crowd support! <u>Home games are scheduled as follows:</u> Monday*: Boys Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 15, Jan 29, Feb 14, Feb 26 Tuesday: Girls Recreation. Home Dates: Jan 23, Feb 6, Feb 20 Wednesday: Boys Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 31, Feb 7, Feb 21 Thursday: Girls Competitive. Home Dates: Jan 18, Jan 30, Feb 8, Feb 22 *not all games are played on the same weekday due to holidays/pro-d/curriculum days